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SUBJ: NEW AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR TO PERU: BIO UPDATE ON KARL RAUSCHER

REFS: A) LIMA 1247, B) STATE 043465

1. DR. KARL AUGUST RAUSCHER, RECENTLY NAMED AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR TO PERU, HAS JUST COMPLETED THREE-YEAR TOUR (1974-1977) IN MFA AS CHIEF OF SECTION 4 OF POLITICAL DEPARTMENT (AFRICA, ASIA, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, OCEANIA AND REFUGEE AFFAIRS). HE HOLDS PERSONAL RANK OF MINISTER. PREVIOUS ASSIGNMENTS LISTED IN REF B ARE CORRECT.

2. RAUSCHER WAS BORN IN 1927. HE STUDIED HISTORY AND LAW AT UNIVERSITIES OF FREIBURG (SWITZERLAND, PARIS, AND VIENNA AND RECEIVED PHD. DEGREE FROM UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA IN 1951. HE LATER ATTENDED COLLEGE D'EUROPE IN BRUGGES, BELGIUM RAUSCHER JOINED THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IN 1954. HE SPEAKS ENGLISH, FRENCH AND SPANISH.

3. RAUSCHER HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY FRIENDLY AND ACCESSIBLE TO AMERICAN EMBASSY OFFICERS AT VIENNA WHO HAVE CONSULTED WITH HIM FREQUENTLY ON WIDE RANGE OF AFFAIRS WHICH, RAUSCHER OFTEN OBSERVED, WERE BROADER THAN ONE MAN COULD MASTER EFFECTIVELY. NEVERTHELESS, CONFIDENTIAL

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RAUSCHER ALWAYS RESPONDED TO EMBASSY REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION OR ACTION EVEN IF IT TOOK SOME TIME. HE APPEARED TO HAVE NO ILLUSIONS ABOUT ABILITY OF AUSTRIA TO INFLUENCE WORLD AFFAIRS OR AFFAIRS IN AREAS OR SPECIFIC COUNTRIES FOR WHICH HE WAS RESPONSIBLE AT MFA; AT TIMES, SPEAKING PRIVATELY, HE WAS QUITE CYNICAL ABOUT PRETENSES OF THOSE

WHO THOUGHT OTHERWISE. NEITHER WAS HE RELUCTANT TO EXPRESS PRIVATE VIEWS, ESPECIALLY ON THIRD WORLD ISSUES, THAT VARIED SUBSTANTIALLY FROM OFFICIAL POLICY, EVEN THOUGH HE NEVER CONFUSED THE TWO OR CONVEYED OFFICIAL VIEWS OTHER THAN WITH FRANKNESS AND ACCURACY. POLITICALLY EMBASSY WOULD CLASSIFY RAUSCHER AS VERY PRAGMATIC CONSERVATIVE.BUCHANAN

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